

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 10, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the PIN issued by the HAAA is encoded and forwarded to the user's mobile telephone by means of a short message service center.

5. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the user employs the browser to convey said identity information, via the first W-LAN, to the VAAA.

6. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the PIN is combined with masking information.

8. (Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the user calls the VAAA on the mobile telephone.

(Applicant's Remarks are set forth hereinbelow, starting on the following page.)


REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #3036/50289).

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

4. (Amended) A system according [any preceding claim,]
to Claim 1, wherein the PIN issued by the HAAA is encoded and
forwarded to the user's mobile telephone by means of a short
message service [centre] center.

5. (Amended) A system according to [any preceding
claim,] Claim 1, wherein the user employs the browser to
convey said identity information, via the first W-LAN, to the
VAAA.

6. (Amended) A system according to [any preceding
claim] Claim 1, wherein the PIN is combined with masking
information.

8. (Amended) A system according to [any of claims 1 to
4 inclusive,] Claim 1, wherein the user calls the VAAA on the
mobile telephone.